



## Press Release

World Fund for Arts, St.Petersburg Union of Artists and NextArt invite you to compete in International Exhibition & Competition of Contemporary Arts "St.Petersburg Art Week", its provocative program for professional and emerging artists.

The St.Petersburg Art Week is an annual open competition and exhibition inviting work from national and international artists practicing contemporary and conceptual art. Art-work submitted can include painting, installation, textile, photography, ceramics, drawing and print, performance, sculpture, glass, metal and plastics.

The St.Petersburg Art Week takes place in the heart of St.Petersburg City – at the Art Exhibition Hall of the St.Petersburg Union of Artists from June 27 through 02 July, 2017 (Bolshaya Morskaya str. 38, St.Petersburg).

All participants are published in the International catalogue "New Faces in Arts" (see [www.artindex.pro](http://www.artindex.pro)).

There are two ways of participation: IN ABSENTIA (online) and IN PERSON (internal way).

The Exhibition represents more than 300 art objects from more than 20 countries. The advisory council, composed of famous painters, press representatives and arts critics, will appraise art objects. After that the list of winners in painting, graphics, sculpture etc. competitions will be formed. The laureates get an opportunity of being exposed abroad in the following Art Weeks free of charge or with huge discounts. The following Art Weeks will be held in Italy, Portugal, Spain, China, etc.

### Jury / Expert Council:

Special and unique feature of the St.Petersburg Art Week - Expert Council participation (the jury) which consist of many professional foreign and Russian representatives of the World of Art. Among them are well-known artists, designers, craftsmen and photographers from European Union, Russia and Asia. To evaluate the entries in each of the competitions an independent Expert Council (the jury) is formed. Heads of similar section of the St.Petersburg Artists Union are leading the Expert Council (the jury).

The Expert Council consists of the following professional groups: a) members of unions and associations; b) representatives of specialized media; c) representatives of galleries and institutions; g) and art patrons.

**Forms of participation:** There are two ways to participate in St.Petersburg Art Week: online (in absentia) and full-time participation (internal way).

### Professional categories

- 1) "Student" category: university, high school, college students and graduates (no longer than 2 years ago)
- 2) "Professional" category: practitioners in art, professors, organizations, graduates (more than 2 years ago)
- 3) "Amateur" category: people, whose hobby is art, but who do not have a special art education.

These categories are exposed and appraised separately.

**Organizers:**

The World Art Fund (Russian branch)  
Exhibition Center of  
the Petersburg Union of Artists  
Producer Center "Art of the future / Next Art"

**Partners:**

Department of Culture of St. Petersburg  
Leningrad Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
St. Petersburg Union of Artists  
Eurasian Art Union  
World Club of St. Petersburg

**PROGRAMS:****I. The competition program:**

- 1) International Classical Painting Competition
- 2) International Abstract & Avant-garde Competition
- 3) International Graphics Competition
- 4) International Sculpture Competition
- 5) International Arts & Crafts Competition
- 6) International Photography Competition
- 7) International Art Textiles Competition

**II. Exhibition Program:**

St.Petersburg Art Week Fair provides a unique opportunity of collaboration for artists, craftsmen, art galleries and producers. It is a platform for sharing opinions, finding new art decisions, communicating your own point of view. Art Fair successfully represents not only esteemed artists but rising talents as well. There are artists from all over the world, from Russia, Europe and Asia. Over 2,000 art works of 1200 artists from 20 countries will be represented in the gallery. This diversity allows us to combine traditional and modern styles, to create an unforgettable atmosphere of creativity and vision of art.

Programme include: Painting, Graphics, Sculpture, Design, Mixed Media (2D, 3D), Video-art and digital art, Photography, Textile and prints, Arts and crafts, Equipment and materials for creation/

**III. Workshops and lectures**

St.Petersburg Art Week traditionally includes educational programs - master classes, lectures and creative meetings, where famous artists and craftsmen share their experience and knowledge. Famous painters, sculptors, photographers from Europe, Russia and China perform for participants and visitors of the St.Petersburg Art Week.

Every November during the SPbAW becomes the most important destination for artists, galleries, collectors, critics and curators from all over the world.

**Special thanks to:**

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